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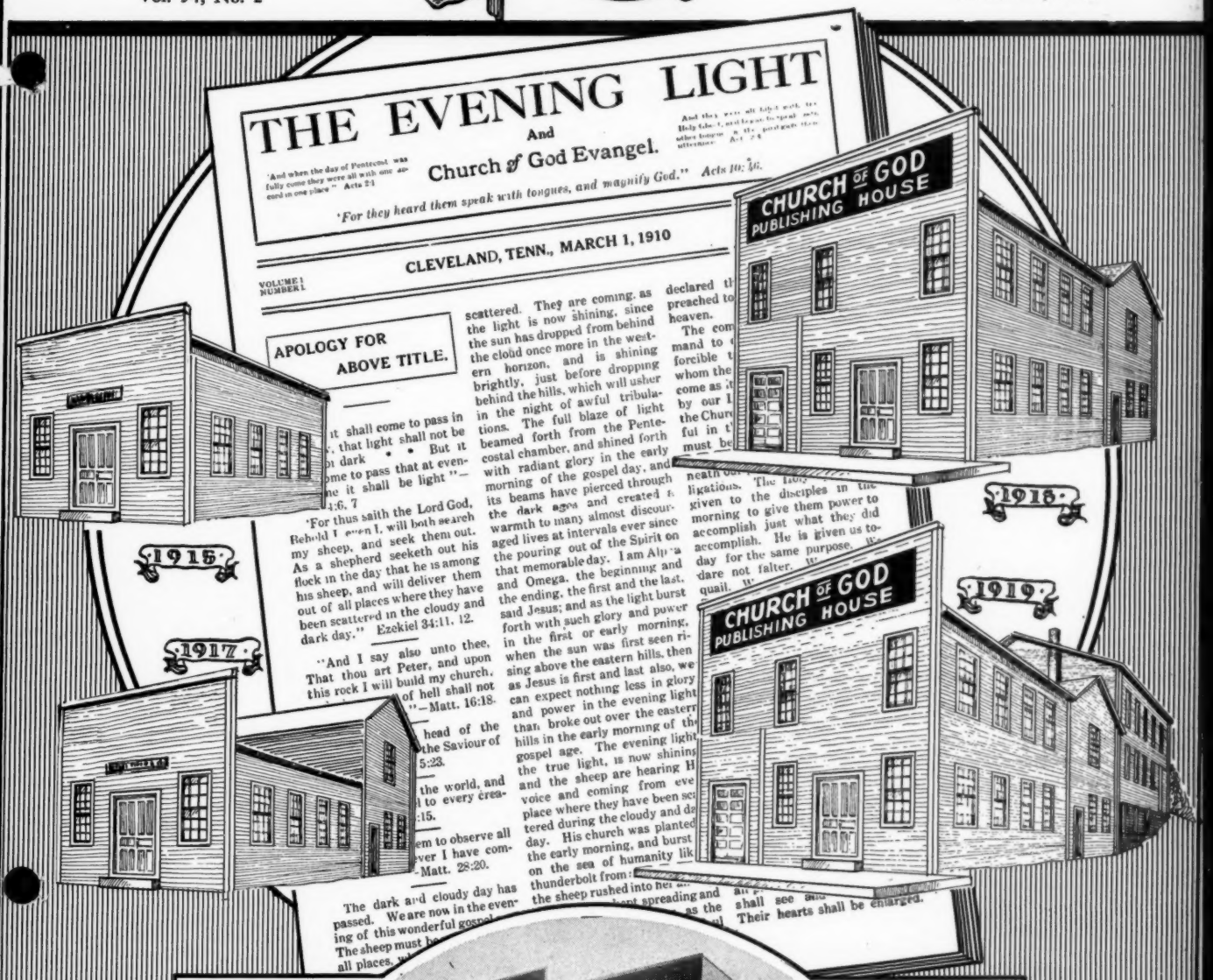

Notices

Washington, Pa., Church of God will be on the air over station WJPA each Friday night from 8:15-8:30 p. m.—Rev. Floyd A. Boger, Rev. J. G. Hall.

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To whom it may concern, the Lord willing, we intend to stay on the evangelistic field and carry out the program of the Lord assigned to us. I have been in the service of the Lord for over eighteen years and the Lord has always supplied my every need. We are persuaded to believe that He will supply our needs during these perilous times. *Jesus is coming soon.*—Rev. Russell Ford, 1002 S. Rosina Ave., Somerset, Pa.

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I am now ready to go out into the evangelistic work and I take this means of notifying my friends of my address. Those interested in having me for a revival through the coming year will be able to contact me at N. Highland Ave., N., Gadsden, Ala., Rt. 3.—Mrs. Fannie S. Foshee.

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I am now a full-time evangelist. If you need a meeting you can write to me at LaFayette, Ga. For reference write to my state overseer, A. V. Beaube, 468 Calhoun St., Atlanta, Ga.—W. H. Swift.

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Notes . . . .

from my letters

by J. H. Walker, Gen'l Overseer

I know that you are deeply interested in the church here in Monroe (La.), so I felt it good to give you a report of the good revival we have just closed. The church is greatly encouraged, and all are on the firing line. Several backsliders were found of God again. Ten received the Holy Ghost baptism. Eight were sanctified. Twelve were born again, and five adults united with the church. Brother Nolen is engaged in a revival in West Monroe, and I think about ten have received the Holy Ghost there. When you have a chance, come to see us.—Brother E. E. Coleman.

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I want to thank you and the other brethren for the help that is being sent to New Jersey, especially for the evangelist. It is helping us to get good preaching to our newly-opened missions. Brother Bell is certainly doing a good work in the new places. We are just now getting in the middle of a real time of evangelism throughout the State. Each church in the State, with the exception of one, is sponsoring a new mission, and these places are already in operation with a bright outlook in them all.

The church at Atlantic City is working a mission at Pleasantville. That is a wonderful work. Already the Sunday School has been started, and the first Sunday the attendance was twenty-two. The following Tuesday night the attendance was thirty-seven for service.

The Millville church is working in Vineland, one of the most prosperous-looking places I have seen. This place started with the cost of $170 or more, and this amount came from interested people in that section. It is one of the churches of tomorrow.

Our new church at Penns Grove is working at Paulsboro at a lovely mission that was started at the cost of something over $100, and it is a good prospect. I definitely feel that these, with some other things we have in mind, will more than double our work this year. When we get two more members, you will have to send us a card of promotion

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Evangel Anniversary

By E. C. CLARK

Editor

THE anniversary of the Evangel is far more important than most birthday celebrations of individuals. Human beings, many of them, have made a great name for themselves and have rendered great service unto mankind, which has justly endeared them to their clientele and, in many instances, to their country. The Evangel as the official organ of the Church of God, was from its beginning destined to fill a great place in the growth and maintenance of the truth of the gospel of Christ, which is the true foundation of the Church. To say that it has fully accomplished this feat would, perhaps, be overestimating its attainments; however, it has rendered great and useful service for these thirty-three years.

The most outstanding feature of the Evangel is, however, not what it has accomplished, but the fact that it remains as it was designed — the avenue and voice of expression of the Church and its teachings. As it has pleased God that under His guidance the Evangel should in many instances initiate the truth unto many individuals and into many communities, we may rightly appreciate the fact of its continuance in purpose of circulation, hoping for an ever-increasing circulation and maintenance of spiritual life and faith among the children of God.

SMALL BEGINNING

As is evidenced from the front cover, the Evangel had a very insignificant beginning. It has, however, made progress each year, even under trying circumstances; until, as is also shown on the front piece, it has now obtained reasonable housing and circumstance. We are told to not "despise the day of small things." Therefore, because at least some were willing to abide by the scriptural exhortation above mentioned, we have passed from the day wherein it was likely to be despised because of its smallness, to where we are most likely to be despised for its greatness. There is, however, no very good reason to think the Evangel is despised because it is small or large, but rather loved and appreciated because it has brought untold blessings to many of God's dear children.

GROWTH

There was little likelihood that when the Evangel was chosen as the mouthpiece of the Church of God, back in nineteen hundred and ten, it was a thing to be readily hoped for or foreseen that it would reach such proportions as it has now reached. The circulation is now moving on above 25,000, having increased some four thousand since last Assembly. I recall when I accepted the place of Editor in the fall of 1932, how embarrassed I was at the unsightly building, in a stage of decay and the poor outlay of machinery, which could have been bought for around $5,000 in most any market. In this humiliating physical but exalted spiritual circumstance I found myself in full resolve of purpose to put forth an honest endeavor to make something out of the publishing plant if reasonably possible. I realized the hand of God had led and provided me with the opportunity, and was fully resolved to make the most of it.

The buildings of the publishing plant are a part and parcel of the real estate and equipment incident to the publishing of the Church of God Evangel. It was the need of this paper as a medium of doctrine, information and testimony, that all other things exist. In 1934 the General Assembly authorized the erection of the new publishing plant shown at the bottom of the front cover and marked "Today." This building was erected in 1934-35 while I was Editor, which has been greatly enlarged for the purpose of caring for offices incident to other branches of the Church work.

ADDED EQUIPMENT

This year, so far, we have added just about $10,000 worth of new or additional equipment. This machinery brings the publishing plant up to what, in our and the Publishing Interest Committee's opinion, it should be to insure the discharge of the burdens of work now in process through the plant and also to safeguard the future of the various publications against wear and tear of machinery at a time when it is quite hard to purchase needed equipment. We have added this year a No. 1 Miehle automatic press and one small automatic press. To this also we have added a new Rosback gang stitcher to take care of the ever-increasing publications which must pass through this kind of equipment before shipment is made. We are quite thankful to the Lord for having made these installations possible.

PROFITS

The profits bid fair to be of reasonable showing at the end of the year. The Publishing House has so far made appropriations in the amount of $25,000 to the Bible School and College at Sevierville this year.

EVANGEL ONE OF A FAMILY

The Evangel is only one publication of quite a large family. Along with it comes, first, The Lighted Pathway, of an increasing circulation of 55,000. We also publish the following papers: *The Fellowship News*, circulation 7,000; *The Church of God Gospel Herald*, circulation 1,000; *Tennessee Tidings*, circulation 3,500; *North Carolina Echoes*, circulation 1,700; *The Church Guide*, circulation 5,000; *Alabama Echoes*, circulation 1,700; *Florida State News*, circulation 1,500; *The Virginian*, circulation 1,000; *Georgia Reporter*, circulation 3,500; *The Voice*, circulation 2,000; *The Sunrise Crusader*, circulation 750.

Along with this nice family comes Junior Jewels, the junior Sunday School paper. We also from time to time publish a few parish papers. Most important also are the various class publications used for Sunday School work: The Teachers', Adult, Intermediate, Junior and Beginner quarterlies. All these publications provide an ever-increasing enterprise and an extraordinary opportunity to reach the lost for Christ, affording at the same time godly instruction concerning spiritual things incident to their spiritual well-being.

APPRECIATION

It is a thing to be greatly appreciated, when state overseers, pastors, and evangelists all enlist themselves and their forces and powers to keep the circulation of the Evangel and all these other publications going to the spiritual front of our many congregations. We need and solicit your prayers that God may guide the work here. A most essential thing it is also to have the guidance of God on the writers, relative to things which are intended for publication. We appreciate the workers and writers. Pray for us.

Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Alcohol Unwanted

The N. C. Baptist Convention, meeting in annual session at High Point, N. C., voted to petition the state legislation to "enact laws outlawing alcoholic beverages in the state for the duration," and to "provide for a referendum to make its action permanent."

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Opening Abandoned Churches

It is reported by (RNS) that "the American Sunday School Union is celebrating its 125th anniversary by seeking to resurrect some 10,000 abandoned churches in rural sections throughout the country. Last year its 160 missionaries travelled 2,447,720 miles to minister to over 130,000 pupils in 3,500 rural Sunday Schools."

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Revival in Norway

Despite the "severe oppression of the churches of Norway" there is an "unprecedented revival of religion under way." Church membership is mounting rapidly, it is stated. Churchmen standing true under trying circumstances is held to have incited many to accept Christ. Quisling is hard-pressed to find substitutes for the opposition clergy it is reported.

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Gifts to Protestants Increase

"Since 1936, gifts to sixteen Protestant denominations have increased by $90,000,000, according to a survey prepared by Dr. Harry S. Myers, secretary of the United Stewardship Council, Hillsdale, Mich. Membership during the same period increased from 22,215,053 to 23,120,929 and per capita giving increased by $3.44."

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Work for Conscientious Objectors

According to RNS, American Civil Liberties Union has appealed to Paul V. McNutt, Wartime Manpower Commission, relative to five thousand conscientious objectors now held in public service camps. These, it was suggested, could be used in hospitals and agricultural work. This would seem far more useful than that they be idle of any useful pursuit.

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Birth Control

The Massachusetts Council of Churches has "in the interests of family health and family welfare," given approval of the birth control referendum. If abstinence is here meant, this may be permissible in the light of scripture; however, if methods of murder are covered by this referendum, parents have yet to learn that children have souls.

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Chaplain Army Work

Dr. N. W. Ylvisaker, of New York City, Director of the National Lutheran Council Service Commission, speaking before the Sixth Biennial Convention of the American Lutheran Conference, declared that, "The government has risen up in all its power to give religion right-of-way in the armed forces." He said, "Men in the service are telling their chaplains daily that they don't dare go into battle without first knowing God."

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Religious Awakening Close at Hand

Lt. Col. Milton Steingberg, rabbi of New York's Park Avenue Synagogue, declared that "A world-wide religious awakening is close at hand." While this awakening cannot as yet be called a "religious revival," he said that "a number of definite factors are at work." "There is, in the first place, a widespread and growing conviction that men need religious faith," he said. If there is such an awakening, there must be an endeavor of the various churches to bring it to a realization.

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Church Newspaper

Six churches representing Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist and Universalist denominations have entered into a project to work together through a neighborhood newspaper. On the back of the newspaper, which is tabloid size, is a map of the entire district with locations of the churches starred and the caption, "Here are our six churches, make your choice and come." This is quite accommodating and can serve a very useful purpose, if faith among constituents is flexible enough to accept this as an ideal.

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Prayer for Russia

According to RNS, Dr. William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Moderators of the Free Church Federal Council and the Church of Scotland jointly issued a call for "special prayers for Russia on Sunday, February 21." The statement added, "We are watching with grateful admiration the achievements of the Russian army," followed by a suggested tribute to such brave allies, a wish for the prayers of Christians for the church and people of Russia. Probably no nation stands more in need of prayer, and it is quite in harmony with our duties and the spirit of Christ to pray for all mankind, including even our enemies.

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Religious Persecution in Poland

The Office of War Information in Washington has released a 24-page pamphlet, "Tale of a City." The pamphlet warns of Nazi spiritual enslavement; tracing also the history of Warsaw from the seige in September, 1939, to the present. The writings give details of the "extermination of Polish Jews and religious persecution under the Nazis." Prominent features treated are: 1. Persecution of the Catholic Church. 2. Large numbers of prominent priests in concentration camps, including those put to death. 3. Catholic organization forced to close doors. 4. Seizure of the Lutheran colleges in Warsaw and converted into military hospitals. 5. Polish Protestant publications forbidden as are religious rites in Polish and Protestant churches. 6. No church left undamaged in Warsaw during the seige. 7. Despite the tyranny of the Nazis Warsaw's churches are filled to bursting at every service. Other additional outrages are also outlined in order of occurrence.

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Liquor and the Soldier

Dr. J. Raymond Schmidt, writing relative to the liquor traffic as affecting our soldiers, has this to say: "Prohibitionists, preachers, and social workers are not the only people branding strong drink and vice as the greatest obstacle to American success in the present world conflict. It is evidently becoming apparent to military and industrial leaders, charged with the responsibility of winning the war, that ultimate victory will be indefinitely postponed as long as these evil forces are allowed to undermine our country's morale, health and efficiency. Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckford, of the Third Corps Area, containing the city of Baltimore, said, in his address, "We have facts at our headquarters which would open your eyes. They show the number of soldiers who are contracting venereal diseases in these Baltimore places." He threatened to place military police in front of establishments if they did not clean up. Another such a city was San Antonio where soldiers were said to have been "short-changed" and robbed while intoxicated. I mention these things to show you fathers and mothers the need for your prayers for service men.

Current Events in the Light of Prophecy

By PAUL H. WALKER

YOUR attention is called to Hosea 6:1-3, "Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us; in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then we shall know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning: and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and the former rain unto the earth."

In the history of Israel a "remnant" may be discerned, a spiritual Israel within a natural Israel. For instance, in Elijah's time there were 7,000 that had not bowed their knee to Baal. 1 Kings 19:18. During the captivities of Israel the remnant always appeared in Jews like Ezekiel, Daniel, the three Hebrew children, etc. In Isaiah's time a small remnant was outstanding as shown in Isaiah 1:9, "Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small *remnant* we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah." In other words, it has been spiritual Israel within a natural Israel that has saved them from being extinguished or obliterated. It has always been the saints in every important epoch of the human family, when they wandered from God, that has kept God from totally annihilating them from off the face of the earth. God would have destroyed all in Noah's day but Noah was found righteous. He would have done the same in the days of Sodom, but could not until Lot had been delivered. He would do the same today with this godless, thankless, worldly generation if it were not for His people (Church). But it will not be long, as we see it in the light of Scripture, until the trump of God shall sound and the redeemed will be caught away. Hallelujah! Then the terrible dark age will be ushered in, but then there will be a "remnant" which will carry on and have a part in God's great economy. See Rev. 6:9-11.

The prophecy in our text in Hosea refers to Israel's restoration after the catching away of the saints. Current events show that a great time for Israel is just in the offing. Let us stand still and see the salvation of the Lord and be ready for His advent at any moment.

The cry of Israel today is, "Come, Messiah, come!" They acknowledge, especially many of the orthodox Jews, that they have been TORN and that they have been SMITTEN, and the longing in their hearts is to see the coming of their Deliverer, the restoration of their national life and independence. Such heart cries will not go unheard by Him who has always had respect to Israel.

Two thousand years ago, when our Lord stood in Pilate's judgment hall, a cry was heard which said, "Let his blood be on US and our CHILDREN." This prayer of challenge was heard by Almighty God and it was not long after our Savior had been condemned in a mock trial and crucified until the Jews heard the blood-curdling cries of war at their very door. Romans surrounded the city and besieged it until it fell. The historian Josephus says, "Hatred against the Gentiles was so bitter, that the Jews ripped the gold from the dome of the temple, broke it into small particles and swallowed it, to keep the Romans from getting it." When the temple was destroyed and the Romans found that the gold was gone and that it had been eaten, Josephus further states, "Men and women were cut open with swords and knives by the Romans, and the gold was taken."

I trust that the series of articles on the subject "Current Events in the Light of Prophecy" will prove a blessing to the readers and help to establish them in the faith and help them to see that the coming of Jesus is near, even at the very door. May God inspire our minds and hearts to write this message and inspire minds and hearts to read and perceive it. Amen.

DESOLATION

On the side of the Mount of Olives one still night, stars and moon were tinting the hillsides of the city of God, Jerusalem. In that stillness Jesus stood —listen carefully—and said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how oft would I have gathered you together as a hen doth her brood, but ye would not?" Hot tears were streaming down His precious face and His heart was bleeding, but HIS OWN TURNED HIM DOWN. God saw and heard and the fury of God's wrath was wreaked on Israel. "BEHOLD YOUR HOUSE IS LEFT UNTO YOU DESOLATE." That desolation came only too soon. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." The Jews were *torn* and *smitten* that night and were scattered (Luke 21:24) and led away captive. Think of it, friend. Led away captive! and today in every country, city, town and hamlet a Jew is found. But how marvelous it is to think how God has had His hand on them, for they have never intermarried, never lost their language or identity. A Jew is a Jew wherever you see him and always bears his mark of identity. This is one of the greatest signs of God's workings that we have.

The Jew is playing a very important part in current events today. No people play a more active part in our publications, movie enterprise and the system of banking than the Jew. Note the important part played at the head of our government by the Jew. Yet they are persecuted over the world and are a "byword" in many countries. Psa. 44:14. All agree they have been TORN and SMITTEN.

"After two days he will revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight." Here's food for thought. From Adam to Noah we have about two thousand years, then the great flood came. From Noah to Christ we have about two thousand years and Jesus came. These events are two of the greatest recorded in the annals of history—the flood and the coming of Jesus to this world. Four thousand years have elapsed from the first man Adam to the second Adam (Christ), or four days, 2 Peter 3:8, " * * * one day is with the Lord as a *thousand* years and a thousand years as one day." (This may be a little speculative but it is something to think about.) Israel said, "He tore us, he smote us, but after *two days* he will *raise* us up and *heal* us." Two days or two thousand years from the birth of Jesus until now are at an approximate end. "The *third day* (thousand year) we shall *live* in his *sight*." Could this be the millennium (third day) when Israel shall *LIVE?* (Life, to live as a nation and a people with their Messiah, is what they are crying for.) Why not? In the third day "we will follow on to know the Lord," Israel said. Yes, that will happen in the thousand-year reign of peace. Will Israel be a nation? If you can put

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Dispensational

THIS is the third of a series of articles on predestination. In this chapter I propose to do two things: first, to show the reason why so many people pervert this doctrine, and second, to designate that part of God's plan which is predetermined.

POINT OF DEPARTURE

The principal reason why so many people become confused in their attempt to explain predestination is their failure to distinguish between the words "foreknowledge" and "predestination." To maintain a valid and scriptural argument it becomes essentially necessary for these two words to be understood in their relationship to each other. It is at this point that departure from consistency is most commonly seen.

FOREKNOWLEDGE

We speak of God as a being of omniscience, a person knowing ALL THINGS. Of course, there is no doubt that this is true to an extent. We are certain that God knows both the past and the present, that nothing escapes His knowledge. But the most important question is that which has to do with another aspect of knowledge which, if it be possessed, would be called "foreknowledge." To prove that God does have foreknowledge is only a matter of quoting two or three scriptures. After establishing the foreknowledge of God as to "fact," I will then give an argument to support it as to "extent."

AS TO FACT

The Scriptures will permit a quick disposal of this phase of our treatise. Gal. 3:8, "And the scripture, FORESEEING that God would justify the heathen preached BEFORE the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed." This verse reveals God making a prediction nearly 2,000 years in advance to its fulfillment. How could God afford to make such a prediction? According to the Bible (as shown in my last article) God leaves the choice of salvation to the free will of the individual upon his acceptance thereof by personal faith. In other words, God did not make the heathen (Gentile) accept Christ any more than He made the Jew reject Him. But we must admit that if the fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant rested ENTIRELY with the free will of man, without God knowing beforehand the fact that such would be the case, then God was running quite a risk in making the prediction. Upon what authority, then, could God afford to base such a prophecy without running the risk of forcing both the heathen and the Jew against their will? Only upon His FOREKNOWLEDGE could God be capable of making any such predictions, and it was upon this basis, says the above scripture, that the covenant with Abraham was made.

Another scripture is found in Rom. 8:29. "For whom he did FOREKNOW, he also did PREDESTINATE to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren." Now hold up, brother; don't look at the word "predestinate" to keep from seeing the more important word "foreknow." That this verse plainly states the fact of the foreknowledge of God goes without further comment, therefore I will use my space to a better advantage.

Slow up a little along here or you may not comprehend the real significance of the next point. This verse last quoted begins with the clause "for whom he did FOREKNOW." What about those whom He did *foreknow*? "He also did PREDESTINATE to be conformed to the image of his Son."

All right, we have both "FOREKNOWLEDGE" AND "PREDESTINATION" mentioned in the above verse. God did FOREKNOW those who would get salvation. Those that God knew would get salvation He determined by the counsel of His own will that they would be conformed (made like unto) to the image of His Son. Now just a minute; I am going to bear down a little harder in order to convince you. It does NOT read, "For whom he did *predestinate* unto salvation he also did PREDESTINATE to be conformed to the image of his Son." Don't you see the point? In other words, God did NOT *predestinate* the individual's "salvation" and "conformation" both. The individual's salvation was "foreknown" and on the basis of this foreknowledge God "determined" by an unchangeable purpose that all such persons would be made like unto Christ His Son. NOW I am sure you see the point; undoubtedly you do. It is the "conformation" that is predestinated, not personal salvation to a particular individual. But how can God afford to predestinate such a "conformation"? Simply on the basis of His "foreknowledge," otherwise He would never have known whether or not there would ever be any to experience "conformation."

RELATIONSHIP

In what way is the doctrine of "foreknowledge" and that of "predestination" related? An understanding of these two words as related to each other is the key to these often misunderstood doctrines.

In the passage quoted above (Rom. 8:29) the word "foreknow" is from the Greek word "proginosko" meaning "to know beforehand." The word "predestinate" is from the Greek word "proorizo" meaning "to limit in advance," or "predetermine."

Now I shall expose the "stone of stumbling": Most people do not distinguish between the "foreknowledge" of God and the "predestination" of God. That is, they are thought of as the same thing. Such, however, is not the case.

Friend, I ask you to follow closely my argument with the understanding that when you discover the first instance in which my system of reasoning is not valid you may feel no longer obligated to read the remainder of this article. Let's continue with our discussion.

If by "foreknowledge" is meant one thing and by "predestination" is meant another, then we have two different words with two different meanings. All right, if the two words mean two different things, then there is a difference in "foreknowledge" and "predestination." The fact that God foreknows certain things does not mean that those things which He foreknows are always predestinated. But even in those things which are *both* "foreknown" and "predestined," it does not follow that His "foreknowing" is His "predestinating." The former is thought; the latter is action. The one is a unity; the other is a series. In other words, "foreknowledge" is an extension of thought without involving time, whereas "predestination" is the prosecution of a plan in which time is involved. For example, the thought of a mile is no longer than the thought of an inch, but to actually measure the distance requires the intervention of time. To have a thought is one thing, but to prosecute that thought is another.

We have thus far suggested that the Bible teaches both the foreknowledge and the predestination of God, yet a very striking difference exists between the two, making them two different facts altogether.

Our next task is to show that in spite of any difference between them there is also a profound relationship between the two. This relationship formulates a "new principle" with which our argument is more certainly confirmed, which principle can be stated as follows: THAT GOD'S PLAN OF PREDESTINATION IS BASED UPON HIS FOREKNOWL-

Predestination

BY D. C. BARNES

EDGE, ALLOWING HIM THE PRIVILEGE OF PREDETERMINING CERTAIN THINGS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL THE THINGS WHICH HE FOREKNOWS. Before we can successfully defend this principle, however, we must designate the extent to which God foreknows future events, so we now proceed to this phase of thought.

AS TO EXTENT

Look out, reader! Find shelter quickly! I am dropping a bomb in the midst of the camp! Here it goes—GOD HAS FROM ALL ETERNITY FOREKNOWN AND FORESEEN ALL THINGS. Boom! Maybe I should remind you, brother, of one important rule to follow during a "bombing" which is, "Remain under cover till the bombing ceases." So, in case you are thinking of coming out any time soon, I am telling you that the "raid" is still on.

GOD, THE ABSOLUTE

I am very much aware of the fact that many do not believe in the absolute foreknowledge of God. Yet, many of just such persons, when faced with the concept of "Absolute God," will escape their trap by saying "He COULD foreknow all things if He WANTED to." In other words, they begin arguing with the inference that God is limited, but if they are faced with the idea of "ABSOLUTENESS" they admit He is unlimited. All right, if God is unlimited suppose we let Him remain so.

To infer that God COULD foreknow all things leads me to wonder why He doesn't. Is it because God gets a thrill out of being surprised? And have you ever realized that if God actually DOES NOT KNOW all future things that it is in effect the same as not being unable to—for if God does not foreknow all things He simply does not foreknow them, regardless of whether He is able to or not.

In a former article of this series I have shown that some things are predetermined by the will of God while others are left to the will of man. So I now ask you this question: How did God predetermine some things if He did not foreknow all things? For instance, He has predestinated that the Jew shall have an earthly kingdom in fulfillment of His covenant with David, yet, as to whether the Jew believes or not is up to the Jew himself. If you don't agree to this you must by necessity believe in predestination of an individual's choice, which has already been disproven. So here's the point: If the kingdom on earth is dependent upon the free will of man, separate and apart from force, then God was taking a chance in predicting this kingdom. Oh yes, I'll admit there is going to be a kingdom, but I must also admit that God knew there would be some to believe in order to have the kingdom.

You see, there can be only two classes of things in this respect; first, things predestinated, and second, things not predestinated. Now how do you expect God to have predestinated some things and then not know about the things not predestinated? It is in the interest of the "indetermined" that God has planned the "predetermined," but according to the idea of some the things predestinated may not even happen.

To illustrate the point, it would be the same as saying there is going to be a BEACH but there may not be any SAND on it; yet, if there were no SAND there could be no BEACH. Now remember, if BOTH the beach and the sand were compelled to be then ALL THINGS would be predestinated. The only consistent conclusion to be drawn is that God foreknows all things. Otherwise, He is depending upon CHANCE for the fulfillment of His promises.

I shall make one more attack on those who say, "He could foreknow all things if He wanted to." As soon as someone says this to me I insist that if he were correct the "law of chance" would be operating, therefore something could happen that would conflict with what God has predetermined. Then, his usual reply is, "But God knows there is not any such thing going to occur."

Fine, my friend, that is all you need to say. By such a statement you are simply declaring that God KNOWS that there will be no reason for Him to know all future things. Don't you see that if God KNOWS the future so well He does not need to know it, that you are actually saying God KNOWS the things He is not supposed to know?

THE PREDETERMINED

We have shown in a former article of this series that the human will is free to choose whatever course it may desire in respect to salvation. We have also formerly shown that the Bible teaches the doctrine of predestination. If, then, the human will is free what is left to be predestinated? That which is predestinated are the DISPENSATIONS. For instance, there is going to be a millennial kingdom. The will of man did not make God promise such a kingdom, but it was altogether the idea of God Himself. In fact, He could have selected something else to take its place.

On the other hand, you may reign with Christ during this time if you freely choose to do so. It is not predestinated that you must enjoy that kingdom, but that a kingdom will be established which you may enjoy IS predestinated. All other rewards, and punishments, too, for that matter, are arranged on the same plan. Again I say that it was necessary for God to foreknow all things in order to avoid the law of chance in the fulfillment of those things He has predestinated. Thus, the things God predestinated are based on the "all things" God foreknew; yet His foreknowledge of the "all things" does not mean that He had to predestinate them in order to foreknow them.

Let's bear in mind that God is ABSOLUTE, not limited. The reason some people limit Him is due to their habit of thinking of God in terms of human nature. "If the cow could paint a picture of her God she would illustrate Him in the form of a cow," said one philosopher. This is why we misunderstand the real nature of God—we tend to interpret Him in the light of our own experiences.

(*To be continued*)

Love's Anticipation

Jude 21

L—ook up. "Love his appearing" (Luke 21:28; 2 Tim. 4:8).
O—ccupy. "Faith . . . worketh by love" (Luke 19:13; Gal. 5:6).
V—isit. "To provoke unto love" (Jas. 1:27; Heb. 10:24).
E—xhort. "Speaking the truth in love" (Heb. 3:13; Eph. 4:15).

—*Samuel W. Tatnall.*

Good Speed

By D. H. Delk

"Bind the chariot to the swift beast," Micah 1:13.

(Note, to my many friends everywhere, greetings to you in the name of Him who loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood. This beautiful day I feel like breaking my silence, but silence is golden at times, with a few words on this subject that I think is important. I have not been silent because I didn't like to write, but so busy in my new work or place. Here I have a radio program, and God has blessed us with a fine baby girl also. These two things have caused business, or more activity; but praise God, I am the happiest in my work I have ever been. The Lord has been so good to me, I feel like traveling on. We appreciate the many letters, cards, and requests for prayer, and we have not forgotten you. May God bless you every one. My address is Box 491, Hope Mills, N. C.)

And now back to the subject. This text is directed to Lachish, represented as a great fortified city in a fruitful and hilly country. No doubt false security deceived them, and in their ease and pleasure they forgot God, and became very wicked in worshiping idol gods; therefore God, through Micah, warned them to bind the chariot to the swift beast (steed) in order by a hasty flight to escape the wrath of the invading foe. "Sin never goes unpunished."

The Hebrew implies these words: "Yoke up, or gear up with good harness the swift steed; the rested-up race horse; the courser."

How pitiful it is to see so many (as it were) hook up the ox, or the old stubborn, sidling, lazy mule. I wonder if Job ever had to drive one of this kind many times, and very far. Yes, it is a pain to have to pull the right rein and beat the left side of the mule, or vice versa, while you yell, "Get up, get up; come on, come on," while folks laugh at you at every farmhouse.

"Sloth, like rust, consumes faster than labor wears, while the key often used is always bright."—*Franklin.* The king's business requires haste. 1 Sam. 21:8. "God commandeth me to make haste," 2 Chr. 35:21. Therefore, we need to gear up the fast horse so we can redeem every hour.

I was somewhat embarrassed one afternoon in a store, when a man ("smart alex," I say) caught me off guard, and challenged me to show him one place in the Bible where Christ ever got in a hurry, or was hasty. Preacher, let's redeem the time in study so we can be ready to give to every man an answer; yes, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed (embarrassed). But if I could see that fellow again, I would ask him why Christ was about His Father's business at the age of twelve. I would ask Him why He would not even let a man go and bury his dad before he started preaching. I would also ask him to explain what Christ meant when he said, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down." No, no, Christ never drove an ox, or lazy mule all the time He was here. Be quick; "bind the chariot to the swift beast." In order to be quick, we need to live on that which will make us so. If a puny little man can make a cow feed that will produce more milk, surely God has something to spur us up a little. Yes, read Heb. 4:12, "The word of God is quick." O Lord, give all of us snails a big dose.

Someone said a snail once fell into a deep cart rut and it took him six weeks to get out. Just as he got out a cart came along, then he proudly said to himself, "Ain't it good to be quick?"

Some are so slow, if God called them to come forth they would be fifth. "Sloth makes all things difficult, but industry all easy, and he that riseth late must trot all day; and shall scarce overtake his business at night, while laziness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes him."—*Franklin.*

Abraham's servant (a type of the Holy Ghost, and the Holy Ghost will ask for things according to the will of God, Rom. 8:27) prayed one of the best and most important prayers that has ever come from the lips of man: "O Lord God * * * I pray thee, SEND ME GOOD SPEED THIS DAY." My, what a prayer! Oh, what results! All things worked together so good. (Read Rom. 8:28.) It was like the perfect cogs of well-lubricated wheels.

Good speed in God's work is not driving a car seventy-five miles an hour. No, no; and for a preacher to boast about how many miles an hour his car will make, corresponds very little to the word "sober."

Oh, foolish are we when we think we can save time by omitting our earnest and private prayers. Christ made good speed by departing into solitary places for long seasons of prayer. It would be foolish for the engineer of a loaded freight train to pass up water and coal, saying, "I'm running too well now to stop for anything, and besides this I'm in a big hurry." He not only would soon stall and be hindered; he'd block someone else's way, and perhaps cause death.

O Brother, Sister, I fear there are some long, high, and hard hills ahead of us and we will make GOOD SPEED to tarry until we receive more power from on high. Job, a perfect and upright man, obtained good speed by long morning devotions. (See Job 1:5.)

A circle saw is supposed to be governed so it will make the same revolutions out of the log as it does in it. Sometimes the saw has to go through knots, warps, pinching wood, and all kinds of tough places. Job had good speed. He went right through the knot of the loss of his wealth, and the warp of the loss of his health, the pinching wood of a nagging wife, and the tough wood of poor, miserable comforters. Job came through making the same revolutions. He had some real religion.

"Bind the chariot to the swift beast." In other words, Go out quickly, and redeem the time; night cometh when no man can work. To delay is to help the devil. To delay is to invite woe, misery, and eternal sorrow. Today is the day God wants help in His vineyard. Tomorrow is only in a fool's calendar. "Good speed" is for good people. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." His steps may be steps (walking, pressing). He might be like an old lady that was listening to boastful testimonies. One fellow said he was on the old ship of Zion doing 60 knots an hour. Another fellow arose and said, "I too am on the ship of Zion, and I feel like I am doing about 90 knots an hour." Then the old lady

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Jonah and the Whale

Either a Myth or Miracle

A Radio Message Preached by J. L. Goins over Station KFJB, Marshalltown, Iowa.

(*Continued from last issue*)

In the story of Jonah, we have not only the prefigurement of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but also we have a prophetic photograph of the nation of Israel. The whole history of the seed of Abraham, past, present and future, is contained in a nutshell in the book of Jonah. Jonah prefigures the national resurrection and restoration of Israel. God commissioned Jonah to go and preach His Word to Nineveh, (and the Ninevites were Gentiles) who were lost and undone in the darkness of sin. We note that when Jesus Christ came, He came to His own. He first called the Jews but they rejected His call.

Jonah was a narrow-minded, jealous-hearted Jew, unwilling to carry out the divine commission. The first verse of the 4th chapter of Jonah says he was greatly displeased and angry with God for asking him to do this work. Just why, I do not know, unless perhaps he knew something of what Assyria and Babylon were later going to do to his nation and did not want them spared to become the scourge of Israel, nor did he like the idea of the Gentiles sharing in the favors of God. In other words, he did not want to give that which was holy unto the dogs. (How little he understood the grace of God.) So he turned his back upon God and fled from His face. He went in the opposite direction to the way God had appointed him, yet he mingled with the very people he professed to despise, the Gentiles. He would not preach to them, but now he is willing to associate with them. The nation of Israel was chosen of God to be the evangelist to the Gentiles. Likewise they forsook God, and scattered world-wide among the Gentile nations. They refuse to carry the message, refuse to preach to them. They nevertheless have willingly associated with the Gentiles in business, social life and politics.

Trouble soon came upon Jonah, the disobedient servant of God. He went down to Joppa, found a ship ready to sail to Tarsus, and paid his fare thereon. (It costs us something to run away from God.) He went down and paid his own fare. It is most interesting if you will read the book of Jonah and find out how much going down Jonah had to do. God sent a disastrous storm upon the seas, and the presence of the storm-tossed, tempest-driven traveller on the ship brought distress not only to Jonah but also to others. So God has allowed the disobedient nation of Israel to become a storm-tossed people on the seas of the nations and their worst storm is yet ahead of them, the great tribulation.

Get your Bible and read Jonah 1:4-16 and see what happened on that ship when it was threatened with destruction and the superstitious sailors were filled with fear. In their fear the sailors put the blame on Jonah. Look at Europe and the God-rejecting nations today. They are laying all the tumult on the Jews. Jonah, the disobedient prophet, out of place, did not deny his God, his nationality, nor his sin. We note here that when they asked his nationality he said, "I am a Hebrew." In his disobedience he confessed his wrongdoing before the Lord. So the nation of Israel in disobedience, out of place in their apostasy, still confess they believe in God, and are wailing today for God to send the Messiah. They fear His name, and they do not deny their nationality, and one day they'll confess their sin, according to Zech. 12:10.

Since the nation of Israel has become a castaway among the nations, salvation is brought unto the Gentiles. Romans 11:11. Jonah's death brought salvation unto the Gentile sailors. The sea became calm and the waves subsided, and they were saved from perishing. Thank God, the angry waves of the seas of the nations will soon subside and we'll have a great calm, in a glorious and happy millennium. Does this remind you so much of another Jew, not disobedient but obedient, who died and His death brought salvation unto both Jew and Gentile? Praise His blessed name! God loves His poor, deluded, disobedient servants too well to permit them to perish utterly in the sea. We read again from Jonah 1:7 that God prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. Yes, he was concealed, miraculously preserved, undigested; as he repented in deep sorrow, God did not allow him to be utterly destroyed. God will not allow the Jewish nation to be destroyed. God is a merciful God.

So when Jonah came these Gentiles were looking for a messenger from the sea. There they witnessed a scene when he was resurrected, or vomited upon dry land. They were looking for somebody to come from the sea so here Jonah came. "Sea" in the Bible represents multitude of nations, tongues and people. That is so much like the Gentile world today that is looking for a deliverer to come from among the nations, but we as a Church are looking for a deliverer from heaven. We are told that a whale when dying vomits up the contents of his stomach and that is just what God made the sea monster to do. Jonah 2:10, "And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah up on the dry land." That is the great trouble with the dying Gentile nations who are now trying to rid themselves of the Jewish people. But soon the Lord will call the Jews back to their own land and recommission them just as Jonah was restored to the second call to preach. He obeyed and started out with a brief message of eight words, "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown," but the power of God was in that message and it produced very fruitful results as we have already seen. God's Word says He is going to restore the nation of Israel the second time as recorded in Isaiah 11:11, and give them a second opportunity for service. Israel will embrace this opportunity and they, too, shall have a brief message of ten words, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." The power of God will likewise be in this message and the kingdom gospel will also be exceedingly fruitful, resulting in the innumerable host of the 7th chapter of Revelation turning to God, and the hundred and forty-four thousand will be sealed.

When Not To Pray

Dr. Adam Clarke, the great commentator, was a slow worker, and he could only produce his wealth of literary treasure by long and patient toil. He therefore made it his custom to rise early every morning. A young preacher anxious to emulate the distinguished doctor, asked him one day how he managed it. "Do you pray about it?" he inquired. "No," said the doctor, who was a great man of prayer, "I get up."—G. J. Morgan, in *Cataracts of Revival.*

The Present War Is Not Armageddon

By REV. RUSSELL FORD, D. D.

PEOPLE of all walks of life are commenting on the present global war, as to whether or not it is the "great battle of Armageddon," spoken of in the Holy Bible, Rev. 16:16, "And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon" (in Palestine).

Being an evangelist of the gospel of Jesus Christ for the past eighteen years, I would like to express my personal views along this particular line of thought, concerning the present global war, etc. It will help Evangel readers.

The present war couldn't possibly be the battle of Armageddon, according to the Word of God.

The Church is to be taken out of the world at least seven years before Armageddon is to be fought, Rev. 3:10; 2 Thess. 2:7, 8; 1 Thess. 4:16, 18.

The battle of Armageddon is to be fought at the end of the age or at the climax of the great tribulation period. Satan knows that Christ is to return to the earth via the Mount of Olives, Zech. 14:4; Acts 1:11,12.

Satan and his angels, the antichrist and the kings of the earth, and their demonized armies, are to be arrayed for battle against Christ and the armies of heaven at the close of the great tribulation. A Jewish army will also fight on the side of Christ against the antichrist. Zech. 14:14.

Satan's main objective is to prevent the setting up of Christ's kingdom over Israel in Palestine. Satan will be ultimately defeated in this objective. Rev. 19:19, 21.

The present global war is only a forerunner, or an index finger, so to speak, pointing to the war of all wars, ARMAGEDDON.

The battle of Armageddon will be fought in the land of Palestine, and not in Europe. Rev. 14:19, 20.

Our Lord Jesus Christ and the great armies of heaven will destroy the powers of antichrist and cast the devil into the bottomless pit, when He comes to reign on the earth for a thousand years and forever with His saints. Zech. 14:3; 2 Thess. 2:8.

There will never be any real lasting peace on earth among nations and kingdoms until Jesus Christ, the great Prince of Peace, comes again to re-establish the Jewish kingdom and to reign over the nations from Jerusalem in Palestine, Rev. 20:6; Ezek. 43:7.

Christ's kingdom will be peaceful and everlasting. Isaiah 9:6, 7; Isa. 11:1-9.

The following scripture is to be fulfilled when Jesus comes again, St. Matthew 24:26, 27, after the Armageddon war has been fought: "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more," Micah 4:3.

Wars and famines, distress of nations, earthquakes, and perilous times are determined upon the world until Jesus comes again. Matt. 24:6-8; Luke 21:25, 38.

The outlook for God's people is very bright. 1 Thess. 4:15-18.

God's grace is sufficient in these troublesome times. Jesus is coming soon. Look for Him.

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Bible Training School and College News

Churches Urged To Place Vindagua in Public Libraries

The 1943 Vindagua, annual of the Bible Training School, will soon be off the press. Since this term marks the Silver Anniversary of the school, it has been possible to make a very interesting and inspiring yearbook. We feel that every member of the Church will want a copy of it.

Every phase of school life will be featured in this yearbook, as well as the progress of the school during the past twenty-five years. We are sure the Vindagua will deepen your appreciation for the school and for those who have labored and are laboring for it. It will help you portray the value of the school to others. The staff feels that you will be proud to show this book to anyone in your community, and to tell him that it was published by the students of your church school. We hope that each local pastor will purchase one for himself and also encourage all members to purchase one. We believe this book will stimulate great interest among the young people, not only in the school, but also in serving at home. By all means a copy should be placed in your church library.

We would also like to urge you to place a copy of the Vindagua in your nearest public library. No doubt you have felt many times that you wanted to let the people in your community know more about the Bible Training School. We feel this is your opportunity. If the library will not purchase the book, take an offering; ask your Sunday School, Y.P.E., or Willing Workers' Band to raise the money and present it as a gift. Judging from actual reports, this will be of untold value to you and your church, as well as to the school. We feel it will be a new line of contact by which you will reach many who otherwise would never be reached by the church.

A drastic reduction has been made in price even though many improvements have been made over last year's annual. The school will not make any profit on the books; they are published for the benefit of the students and the Church in general. Place your order today!

A Note of Appreciation

Dear Brother Cross:

We certainly appreciate your letter of February 15 relative to the scholarships which you wish to offer to worthy students of our school. We have many good students who are eager to prepare themselves for the work of the Lord and who need the training which the school affords; but they do not have money, neither can get the money to pay their expenses. It certainly will be a happy day for someone when the announcement is made during commencement week that you have given a scholarship of $100 and another of $50.

May the Lord bless you for this contribution.

Sincerely,
Bible Training School and College,
Zeno C. Tharp, President.

North Carolina Responds 100 Per Cent

February 13, 1943

Rev. Zeno C. Tharp,
B.T.S., Sevierville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tharp:

We are contemplating buying a number of annuals to be placed in public libraries over the State. We are also asking each church to buy an annual so that prospective students will be able to get the information they need relative to courses of study, cost, etc.

We have also suggested that each church purchase a picture of the school to be hung in the church. What price can you make us on 100 pictures framed and ready to hang?

We want to get the school a little better advertised among our own people as well as outsiders.

May the Lord bless you and give you much success in the school.

Sincerely,
H. L. CHESSER,
Overseer, North Carolina.

The Value of a Christian Life After This War

Today the world is in one of the worst wars that has ever been known on the face of this earth. The young boys of this country are being taken away from their homes each day to fight for the land that we love and for the freedom of religion. There are still some boys and a great many older people left at home. If these at home could just see the necessity of living a Christian life now and after this war, they would be more serious than they are. When those boys come back from across the waters the mission fields are going to be ripe and there will be lost souls on every hand that will need the Word of God. Each and every one of us should be ready to go if the Lord should call us to some foreign field.

The Church of God Bible Training School is one of the best places in the world to prepare for the work of God. If the Lord has called you to be one of His followers, don't turn Him down because after this war there are going to be many more souls that can be won for God.—Wesley Braziel.

No one who will spend enough time sitting at the feet of their Lord and Master in solemn and prayerful meditation will remain in ignorance about the deep things of the Spirit, but will know both His voice and language and will soon receive a spiritual education.

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We can never let our light shine unless we have a light, and we can never have a light with us and live and walk in darkness. It takes both oil and fire and a clean globe to make a light that has the shining qualities.

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Our love for a person, cause, or thing is not determined by what we may say, but by what we do. To do takes more than talk. The person who talks about his love for Christ and doesn't live as he talks is doing both Christ and himself an injustice.

Requests For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they should be signed.

Pray For

God to completely heal by body.—Sister Gracy Bates, Star Rt., Liberty, Miss.

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My unsaved husband who has a cancer; my eleven-year-old son; my stepson; my complete healing.—Mrs. Lillian Palmer, Rt. 1, Guntown, Miss.

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A blind lady, Mrs. Isham, Venice, Fla.; my husband's leg to be healed.—Mrs. Carl Curry, Nokomis, Fla.

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My little girl to be completely healed of ulcerated tonsils, she also has adenoids; my mother and two sisters to be healed; unspoken requests. — Zylpher Davis, Troy, Tenn.

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The healing of my body, I have nervous spells, indigestion and heart trouble.—Mrs. Marie Akin, 355 All. St., Truman, Ark.

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The healing of my brother, Frank Spears, Six, W. Va., who has stomach trouble; my husband who is in the hospital at Huntington, W. Va., with T. B. of the bone; my son.—Mrs. Bessie Thomas, R.F.D. 1, Ferguson, W. Va.

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My daughter who is in bad health to be healed.—Mrs. T. A. Handley, Rt. 1, Gardendale, Ala.

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My body to be healed and strengthened, I have a skin trouble and nervousness.—Mrs. J. W. Skelton, Rt. 1, Crawfordsville, Ark.

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God to heal me of a cancer of the liver and breast.—Mrs. Bertha Anderson, Route 4, Eaton, Ohio.

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God to heal me of something like sinus trouble in my head and shoulders.—Zack Bible, Rt. 3, Laurens, S. C.

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The Lord to heal me of a head trouble.—Mrs. V. L. Robinson, 5 Wright St., Rome, Ga.

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My healing, the doctor says I have T. B.; God to supply our needs, we are four orphan children, seventeen, twelve, ten and five years old.—Miss Paula Sampson, War Branch, Ky.

The Lord to heal my body, I have low blood pressure and am very much in a rundown condition, am so weak at times I can hardly stay up; my husband and babies to be healed of severe colds; we surely need encouragement.—Mrs. J. B. Hudson, Avon Park, Fla.

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The healing of my baby's body; my mother-in-law to be healed of high blood pressure; my husband.—Mrs. S. D. Allen, Rt. 3, Calhoun, Ga.

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The healing of my body; the healing of my grandbaby; my family.—L. A. Chitwood, Pendleton, S. C.

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Me to be healed of something like nervous indigestion and heart trouble and to be strengthened; my husband and home.—Mrs. Myrtle Young, Laurens, S. C.

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The healing of my son who is in the hospital. He was on a horse and the horn of the saddle stuck through his ribs, breaking five of them, when the horse reared up; three unspoken requests.—Mrs. M. M. Milam, 912 W. Central, Moultrie, Ga.

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An unspoken request; me.—Tom H. Hudson, Rt. 2, Branford, Fla.

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My husband who is sick in the army hospital; my mother who is almost cripple with rheumatism; my daddy.—Mrs. Lonnie Williams, Swainsboro, Ga.

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The healing of my husband's body; my mother's healing.—Sister Swill, Gen. Del., Seminole, Okla.

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Our children to be healed; my mother to be healed of mastoid trouble.—Eyvonne Perry, Homerville, Ga.

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God to undertake for my home, husband and children; the Lord to completely heal my body.—A friend, Plant City, Fla.

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My mother to be healed; urgent unspoken request.—Miss Lucille Davis, Box 251, Calhoun, Ga.

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My husband to be healed of stomach trouble; unspoken request.—Mrs. Luther Batchelor, Rt. 3, Box 78, Haleyville, Ala.

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Me to be healed of nervous indigestion; my aunt to be healed of neuritis.—A friend, Mooresville, N. C.

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God to undertake for my son; my family and me, I truly need encouragement.—Johnnie Mae Scroggins, R.F.D., c/o H. S. Adams, Ochlochnee, Ga.

God to undertake in some way.—Annie Crider, Royston, Ga.

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The Lord to heal my husband's eye, he suffers so much with his head caused from an injury to his eye.—Mrs. Jack Foley, Logan, W. Va.

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Unspoken request; my father and mother; me.—Mrs. C. J. Norris, Box 291, Matoaka, W. Va.

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God to heal me of something like arthritis, at times I can't move my feet; my son and husband.—Mrs. Linda Brown, 238 Hoitt, Knoxville, Tenn.

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The healing of my body, the doctor says I have nervous dyspepsia of the stomach; my mother and father.—Mrs. Violet Pittman, Rt. 3, Scottsboro, Ala.

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Dear Evangel Readers, I truly praise the Lord for what He has done for me. I have tuberculosis and am in a sanatorium and have been for a long time. Last August I went home and went to church. I went to the altar and God filled me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His sweet name. I was prayed for and came back for a check-up and I showed some improvement. I stayed for the winter and took real sick in December. I asked God to let me get over that bad spell. Praise the Lord, I got over it. I had an X-ray made a month after and I can truly say it even puzzled the doctor how much I had improved. I ask all of you to pray that I can get my health back. Encouraging letters will be appreciated.—Edith Young, Greenwell Springs Sanatorium, Greenwell Springs, La.

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Card of Thanks

I thank all the people of Alma, Ga., who have been so good and kind to us during the time our little girl's leg was broken and while I was sick, and especially during the four weeks my husband has been sick.—Mrs. A. J. Porter, Alma, Ga.

Revival

LINDALE, Ga.—We have just closed a wonderful revival here at the Lindale Church of God. Thirty-five were saved, twenty-five sanctified, twenty-one filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve added to the church and many revived. Brother Walter Skutar, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was our evangelist; he is a wonderful evangelist. God blessed him in giving out the Word. We are certainly on fire for the Lord here and God is blessing in every department of the church.—C. E. McAbee, Box 83.

To know Christ is to love Him, and to love Him is to obey Him, and to obey Him is to become His servant.

REPORTS

Loyal Band at Bastian

BASTIAN, Va.—Indeed we are praising God for His goodness toward us here in Bastian. God has blessed us with a good band of Christian people who are loyal to the Church and its teaching. He is blessing in every department. Since the Assembly several have been saved, some sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. On Sunday, December 20, we had one hundred eighty-one in Sunday School. We have the largest Sunday School of any denomination in this county. Before Thanksgiving Day we had the church ready for the honor roll, our one dollar a member mission quota included. Pray that the church here will continue to grow and that all will keep the spirit to go to Sunday School.—J. B. Holcomb, pastor.

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Catlettsburg, Ky., District Fellowship Service

The Catlettsburg district fellowship service was held at Vanceburg, Ky. We at Catlettsburg are getting along very well. The flood did us and the church a lot of damage, but we are working and praying that the Lord will help us to overcome it. Pray much for us. We had a nice attendance at our fellowship service. Vanceburg church is getting along fine. We don't believe it will leave anything undone. Saylors Branch church and Harris church, we understand, are working on the program and getting along good. We have some fine people on this district and I believe each one will put his shoulder to the wheel and work for the glory of God. Come on, folks, let us do our best to make this district one of the best in Kentucky. I'm ready to help you in every way I can.—Roy Dagnan, district overseer.

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Enjoys Church of God Services

Dear Sir, I have read your paper for a long while and it is the best Christian paper I have read. I belong to a Pentecostal church but I have been to the Church of God quite a few times. I really enjoy the meetings and I can feel God's Spirit all the time.

I have a swell home. My mother is really a saint of God. She has been through many a trial and Jesus was right by her side. He has done many things for me and I can really praise Him. My home is in Milwaukee, Wis., a long way from here. I have four sisters and three brothers younger than I. I would appreciate it very much if some boys and girls or grownups would write me. I would be more than happy to answer their letters. God bless us all.—Pvt. Wm. E. Koap, D. Btry, 216th C. A. Bn. (AA), AATC, Fort Bliss, Tex.

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Duet Wants To Be a Blessing

ENNIS, Tex.—Tonight finds us happy in Jesus. We praise the Lord for everything He has done for us. He said in His Word that He would never leave nor forsake us. It's a pleasure to rest on that scripture.

Saints, please pray that God will use us in any way He sees best. We feel that He wants us to do more for Him. We sing as a duet. Pray that our songs will be a blessing and help win souls for His vineyard. We want to work while it is yet day, because we feel the time isn't far away when the night cometh and no man can work.—Minnie and Estelle Alford, Gen. Del.

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The Soldier's Warning

By a Soldier, Camp Claiborne, La.

Soldier, did you ever think of what the future holds for you?

Yonder beyond those great angry waves of an ocean deep; in those foreign lands where death is casting her dark shadows on those bloody battlefields, soldiers are being hurled out into an everlasting darkness without God.

Hark unto that soft and tender voice of Christ. Give your soul a chance; be honest with the soul God has given you. Think of what you are facing. "Today is the day of salvation." "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me." You may be that soldier who will never return, the soldier who will die without hope and without the precious blood of our holy Christ upon your soul.

Should the cold, chilly hand of death grip your mortal body when the dark war clouds are swinging low, then Jesus would be a very helpful and precious friend. The holy and divine Christ of glory was led as a sheep to the slaughter and like a lamb dumb before His shearers so opened He not His mouth. Our Savior was hung between the earth and heaven and shed His precious blood for soldiers like you.

It is not the Father's will that any should perish but that all would come to repentance.

May the great and holy God of all grace extend His merciful hand toward a lost world that is sinking into the mighty grip of a burning hell. May the divine Father and the holy Christ spread their great wings of love over the righteous of this war-torn world. May the convicting power of the Holy Spirit seize the hearts of the unsaved that they will come to repentance.

REVIVALS

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—We praise God for victory in Jesus in the revival at Neeses, S. C. Victory means to defeat our enemy in battle. I became somewhat worried in the last month of 1942 about sending in reports with no one saved and I began to ask God for souls. In answer to our prayer God saved one in December and on Jan. 3 He saved and sanctified another. On Jan. 10 while in Y.P.E. service the power of God fell and we had a wonderful time and on Jan. 11 we started our revival with Rev. S. C. Chambers doing the preaching. The revival closed Jan. 31 with twenty-eight saved, sixteen sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church. While in the services the altar benches were filled with young and old, about twenty-five or thirty at the altar and in the aisles were shouting and praising God. We truly give God the glory, honor and praise for all the good that has been accomplished.

We appreciate the members and friends of the Church of God at Neeses. They stood by us in raising the offerings, which were $93.47, for Brother Chambers. He certainly is a man of God and the church at Neeses appreciates Brother and Sister Chambers.

We covet your prayers. We are in the fight to stay the duration of the devil by the grace of God and when the Chief Shepherd our Captain appears He will establish peace on earth.—Rev. Marvin Craven, pastor.

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ROANOKE, Va.—Rev. Edd Cox conducted a two weeks' revival here at the local Church of God and it was said by those who love old time Gospel preaching to be the best ever heard in the Roanoke church. The last week of the revival was hindered because of extremely bad weather, however, nine were saved, six sanctified and five filled with the Holy Ghost. Rev. Cox left here to take up his new duties as Kentucky state evangelist. The prayers of the members of the Roanoke church are that God will richly bless him in his work, and a welcome is extended to him to be with us again.—V. W. Thomas, pastor.

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God Is Blessing in Atlanta

We have just closed a successful revival here, with the B. T. S. trio singing for us. The revival continued two weeks, although one week it rained, then

turned cold and the weather was very bad for services, but God blessed us.

The girls did some wonderful singing and good work for the Lord here that will be long remembered. One week we had no preaching and some prayed through each night. Our crowds were good and the interest fine. The girls and I went to a railroad shop, an overall factory, the home of the incurable, and private homes singing and preaching and helping the people to be happy in the Lord, and God surely did bless. These are consecrated girls for God and you will do well to have them in your church singing for you. We were on the radio two or three times a week and the people in radioland really enjoyed their singing.

God is blessing us here in every respect, and we are so glad. The last night of our revival was surely a good service. The house was packed full and after the B.T.S. and LeFevre trios began to sing the power of God fell and we had no preaching and the people came to the altar and several were blessed. A goodly number were saved, several sanctified, six baptized with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church. We are so thankful for what God has done for us. On Sunday between two and three thousand people attend our services.

Since being here we have increased the Lighted Pathway—this month five times as many as before, and we, with the cooperation of the overseer, are sending one hundred Evangels to business houses, barber shops and offices all over Atlanta, with the announcements of our church services. If a person gets out of his house we want him to see something about the Church of God, and if he stays inside we want to get it to him by radio.

Our crowds are good and our Sunday School better than a year ago. People come and stay all day every Sunday. There are surely some fine people here in this large city.

God has seen fit to give us the best singers, we think, in the Church—the LeFevre trio. He really blessed them in their singing last night. Our building seats a thousand easily and it is packed on Sunday night. I am grateful to God for the cooperation we have received from the fine people here in Atlanta.—A. M. Phillips, pastor.

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CARBON HILL, Ala.—We praise the Lord for the way He blessed us in a revival at the Carbon Hill Church of God. Two received the Holy Ghost, and we had some wonderful services. We praise the Lord for our good pastor, Rev. W. E. Crider, and wife. Also thank the Lord for the good fellowship among the members in the church.—Timothy Hallmark, pastor of Coaldale.

KINGS MTN., N. C.—I thank the Lord for the revival we had at the Church of God in Kings Mt. Brother Spakes, Brother Hoffman and Sister Ruth Petty did the preaching. Seventeen were saved, ten sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost.—Eunice Smith, 104 Myers St.

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SHELBURN, Ind.—The Church of God at Shelburn, Ind., enjoyed a wonderful revival for three weeks. Brother H. O. Harris, former overseer of Illinois, was the evangelist. The power and presence of God was felt in most every service from beginning to the end.

Many were renewed in their experience, and drawn closer to God. The entire church seemed to be revived spiritually. Also, some of the members who had left the church and had gone with another assembly came back and expressed their appreciation of being back home. We are looking for some more of them to return.

Brother Harris is a good preacher and doesn't fail to preach the truth under the anointing of the Spirit, and will be a blessing to any church. We covet your prayers.—C. H. Standifer, pastor.

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SOMERSET, Pa.—We have just closed a very successful revival campaign at the Church of God, Somerset, Pa. The meeting lasted for a period of four weeks. Considering the bad weather, the attendance was very good. A number of souls were saved and several refilled with the Holy Ghost. The church has been wonderfully edified. The revival, no doubt, will be remembered for a long time to come. Rev. and Mrs. Milton Sanberg are two of the finest people in the Church of God. They cooperated with us in every way. Brother and Sister Sanberg are well liked in Somerset; they are doing a wonderful work for God as pastor of the church here. We have been well paid for our labors in the vineyard of the Lord here in Somerset.—Russell Ford and wife, evangelists, 1002 S. Rosina Ave.

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NOTES FROM MY LETTERS

(Continued from page 7)

from G to F, and then we hope for another promotion this year. — G. W. Lane, overseer of New Jersey.

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The parents of a soldier stationed at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, desired the pastor of the local church near their son's camp to contact him and made inquiry through the General Overseer as to the nearest church. He contacted the state overseer and pastor nearest the boy's camp, and when the pastor started a revival he invited the boy to attend the services. The pastor later wrote:

"We have contacted six (soldiers) in Wilmington, Delaware, since we have been in Chester. Wilmington is about fifteen miles from the Church of God. Four of the six were already members of the Church and two others have joined. I understand that there are others in this area that we haven't been able to contact as yet, but we are hoping to do so as soon as possible . . . Be sure to remember us in your prayers that we will face all surrounding problems wisely and with victory in our souls." — J. W. Fletcher Phillips.

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We have just closed a two weeks' revival with great success in many respects. New members were received into the church. It was a week of revival with no preaching. Crowds were as fine as ever here in a meeting, members say. The girls' trio sang well and helped greatly in the services.

Last Sunday was, I feel, the greatest Sunday we have had since I have been here. We had a large Sunday School and large crowd for the eleven o'clock service and a house full for the broadcast. The house was jammed for the Sunday night service. Chairs were down the aisle and then people were standing in the back with no place to sit. The good part of it is that the power of the Lord fell. There was no preaching, and souls were blessed in the altar service.

Last Sunday during the broadcast a lady called and said that she was sending $10 and that her husband who was a sinner was down on his knees praying for God to save him. She stated that she did not want him to know that she gave the offering. She must have, however, told him, for he had her call back and say that he wanted to send $20. — A happy minister, A. M. Phillips, Atlanta, Georgia.

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Telegram

Wonderful service Sunday, January 31. Two weeks' drive ended with $1,200 cash, liquidating church debt in full, Brother W. E. Johnson and mill president burning notes Sunday, February 7. —J. G. Houck, pastor, Danville, Va.

NOTICES

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The Church of God at Huntsville, Ala., is on the air over WBHP each Sunday from 5:00-5:30 p. m. O. B. Myrick, pastor.

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Anyone knowing of any Church of God members who have moved to Marietta, Ga., please notify me of their address.—Rev. H. A. Powell, pastor, Marietta, Ga.

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Notice

Churches, beware of a man named Anderson, who claims to be a returned missionary from Russia and states that he is soliciting money on tents.—W. C. Byrd, overseer of Louisiana; J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

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Correction

In the last list of miscellaneous receipts for the Orphanage, we listed Waynesburg church when it should have been Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, church.

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There has been a Church of God opened in Newburyport, Mass. This is close to Salisbury, Mass. Salisbury Beach Camp is located there.—Wm. F. Morris, overseer, 22 Watee St., Newburyport, Mass.

Special Notice

Descriptive literature has been mailed to all the churches with pictures of the new orphanage plates in colors. Please send in your orders for plates as soon as possible.

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CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE

GOOD SPEED

(Continued from page 8)

arose and said, "I have been serving the Lord for many years, and have not made such good time. In fact, I have walked most of the way. My advice to you that are going so fast with so much steam is, take heed that you don't burst your boiler."

"Good speed" may be going slow; slow enough to do things right, to do things so they won't be to undo and redo. When all can be lost, all should be feared. To have good speed means to walk circumspectly (exactly). If we do, we won't lose ten years over one hour's blunder. In Heb. 4:11 Paul said, "Let us labour." Labor comes from the Greek word "spoudazo" which means to be prompt; to USE SPEED. This can be done by ungearing that old slow, sluggish ox or mule and gearing up the steed that is lively. He will get us there on time. The tail end of a service is all some folks ever get. The slothful and wicked are akin. And now, Lord, I pray thee, burn these words "bind the chariot to the swift beast" into the hearts of every reader. Amen.

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY

(Continued from page 5)

the sun out, black out the moon, and the stars, stop sea waves from roaring; if you can measure heaven, and search out the foundations of the earth, then Israel will not be a nation. But unless you can do this, Israel will be a nation. Jer. 31: 35-37. Current events show a returning of the Jews to Palestine by the thousands. They show that Palestine has become fertile and industrious, exporting many kinds of fruit. Be not alarmed if the trumpet should sound sooner than you think.

Next week we continue with Matthew's and Luke's versions.

Obituaries

CLARK

Sister Mary Josephine Clark, a charter member of the Church of God at Carbon, Ind., went to be with Jesus Jan. 5, 1943. She was fifty-seven years, one month, and twenty-five days old. She was faithful to her Christ and her church to the end.—Isaac Clark and family, Carbon, Ind.

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WYLIE

Floyd Wylie, son of James and Mittie Wylie, departed this life Jan. 23, 1943, at the age of thirty-one years. He left a testimony that he was ready to go. —James Wylie, Rt. 5, Xenia, Ohio.

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ANDERSON

Brother W. B. Anderson, a faithful member of the Church of God, went to be with Jesus Dec. 31, 1942; age seventy-six years. When asked what he wanted for Christmas he replied, "Just a little touch of heaven." Pray for his companion who is a faithful member of the Church of God here.—J. B. Cole, pastor, Dillon, S. C.

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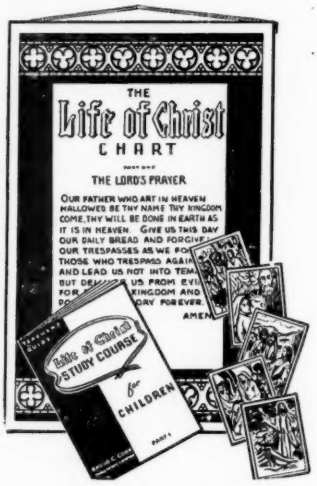

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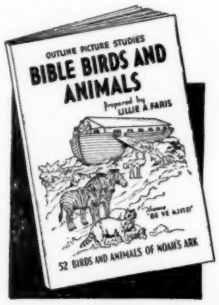

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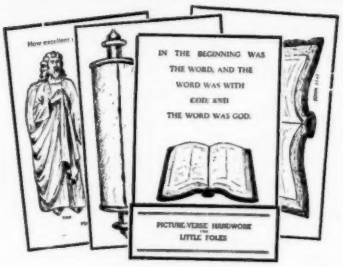

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